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#### "After the War."

Some of our more gifted students of public affairs, finding the problems of to-day insufficient to absorb all of their energy, engage in the pleasant and generally harmless diversion of projecting their consciousnesses into the future and predicting what the state of this country will be "after the

There is no possible objection t indulgence in this diversion, and it is far from our intention to rebuke any thinker who desires to take his recre ation in the fabrication of ideal political institutions predicated on a citizenship purged by war of the human failings and weaknesses that have made progress toward the attainment of our social ideals slow and to many

But we cannot help observing that most if not all of these prognosticators appear to overlook the fact that for at least a generation after this The demands of civilization make this year of grace the politics of the United States will be profoundly influenced by the activities of the veterans of this war, whose number may run well up in the millions and whose sacrifices in the present crisis will that it must not be a mere link in the appear to them and to their kinsfolk expansion of Pan-Germanism. sufficient reasons for active particle nation in the political affairs of the notion.

We have seen, in a generation whose survivors are still with us in gratifyingly large numbers, how powerful the veterans of a war can make themselves, even when their efforts are circumscribed by those of battlefield and subsequently in the indicate that their successors in honorable fame will neglect the opportunities that a free ballot opens to action for what they con crive to be the best interests of the country in whose defence they offered their lives. Instead of the Bloody Shirt we may have the Spiked Hetmet as a symbol; in place of the Grand Army and the Confederate Veternns, other associations of men bound together by the closest ties of bardships supreme overcome.

They will form an invincible phabever forecasts the future without taking them into account commits a dunder that must discredit any otherwise erudite oracle.

### Let the Sallors Shiver, Say . Josephus

The real sufferers from Secretary Daniela's childish temper in his quarrel with the officers of the Navy League will be the sailors of the United States navy. Colonel THOMPSON and his associated

ates will not be injured by the action of the Secretary. They are amply able to care for themselves.

Secretary DANIELS himself will be deprived of nothing; he has nothing to lose except his job, and only the

President can separate him from that. But the whole elaborate machine constructed by the League for the welfare of the sailors will be put out of joint, the flow of comforts will be interrupted through dislocation of its petty revenge a weak and tyrannous superior has taken on those whom he

conceives to be his enemies The sailors may shiver; Josephus the destroyers on duty in the Atlantic cannot. But what does Josephus DANIELS care for this? Has he not

by the Allies is so little really known metal underneath. Atties from invasion.

the progress of building on this road they produce. But the mountaineers hurried the construction of certain are not to be judged by their worst, links. H. CHARLES Woods, an au- as town dwellers are not to be judged thority well informed on Near East by the scum of their settlements conditions, says in the Fortnightly When we rend of McCoy and PHIPPS Review that since hostilities began we must not forget that Joh.; Calmany changes have been made in Turkey's Asiatic railway situation.

The tunnels in the Taurus section are completed and the line over the what he owes to his country. There fring rights. Amanus ranges put into operation. are far more John Calhoun Allens in Of the 1,500 miles from Constanti- the mountains than there are of the nople to Bagdad over 1,100 miles can McCoy sort. be accomplished by train. Of the remaining 400 miles 235-mus are across a desert, while the remaining 165 miles can be traversed by boats or rafts down the Tigris.

The Germans took over the railroad from Aleppo south, with which they had no financial or political connection before the war, and made it a part of their great military erals, colonels, majors, captains and scheme. This road they linked up first lieutenants. with one which they built, presumably of material obtained by tearing up the French roads in Syria, from El Fule southward toward the Egyp- luxury of being ill. The hypochontian frontier.

The ultimate purpose of the German builders in both of these extensions, that is, in the main line to Bagdad and the line south from Aleppo, was defeated by the British tims of the vice of illness, such as the expeditions. The invasion of Mesopotamia and Palestine made it imperative that the railway should be turned from the transportation of portation of troops and supplies.

The road could not be built far enough southward to make possible the intervening great waterless desert. The Germans planned to build dyspeptics. a spur from Bagdad to the Persian frontler, and it was discovered had collected much material in the Tigris valley for this purpose. Of the failure of this design Mr. Woods says:

costly business as it was throughout- in the munition factories, have almay now have served the dual object ready gone so high in price that only of preventing the Turco-Germans from the rich can afford to have a head ward the borders of India."

The Bagdad railway remains as the missing links will be built and that the extension to the Persian Gulf will be completed there is no doubt. impérative. The war, however, has peril to the peace of the world and tures to be repeated week after week;

#### Bad Members of a Good Flock.

It will be a serious misfortune to I know about making up a budget." the literature of primitive psychology if the influences which brought the came to nominate me, with kinetic mountaineers McCov and Phipps to views of golf links, Judge McCall conviction for treason in the United Inding out of the picture as the Boss States court at Big Stone Gap, Va., foozles an approach." veterans who opposed them on the remain undisclosed. McCov boasts the blood of the feudist family of sidetracked for me; or, let the heathen political arena. There is nothing to that name; Phirps appears to be of rage." less distinguished antecedents. They Fridays: "Three Macs; or Mc conspired to enlist a body of their Copy as compared with McLarent fellows in the interests of the Ger- LIN and McCarnen; a measurement of them, or overlook the possibilities of man Empire and to harass the Gov-leadership." ernment by raids on banks and arsenals and by promiscuous lawlessness of all kinds.

Of the two McCoy appears to have been the more forceful; he applied large attendance at the Saturday or so of weaker men to sign the night lectures. the coercive measures that led a score strange oath that was designed to Education in Scouting as a National bind the recruits together. A bragmmon dangers bravely faced and gart unable to hold his liquor, he was ready for any adventure, avid | Columbia University yesterday com of the easy money Prussian spies pleted a very successful summer lanx in the politics of America, and disbursed liberally in the remote discourse in scouting education. The trict where he dwelt; but he was not growth of the scouting idea has been able to hold his tongue. When the so marked in the last ten years and out; a service of King Alcohol to an that there was an urgent demand for ingrateful Government that may be such a course. urged in his behalf when ifcensed JAMES E. RUSSELL, Dean of the stills cease operation on September Teachers College, Columbia Univer-8. He appears to have been as worth. sity, says of the Boy Scout pro less as a man can be; a criminal as gramme; dangerous as he knew how to be. "I would consider myself a prince but happily restricted by his frailties among schoolmen if I could devise

nue laws, who pleaded for death rather than a shorter term. This traitor does not give the measure of our mountain folk, overlooked ing. The pupil spends a small porremnants of a race of giant pioneers, tion of his time in school and receives deteriorating through the influence of very little of the teacher's care and an environment untuned to modern personal attention. The most that ways. Mostly a simple, honest, gen- can reasonably be expected is that erous people, bound by the customs the child should acquire a moderate of patriarchal rule, flercely holding amount of useful knowledge, a few parts, and the men on the ships will to the extremist theories of personal desirable habits in the use of lanresponsibility, they survive an anach- guage and numbers and some ability ronism of romance plentifully punc- in solving his problems of life. What tuated with tragedy. Their stock is Kipling calls "the world in which of the best; it is the stuff of which things of vital importance happen." heroes are made, but the opportunity the public school boy's real world. ! will not. He can buy a woollen muf- for heroism that may be recorded the world outside of the classroom. beyond the borders of their unknown | The youth's character, the characlands are few. Yet every traveller ter that makes for good or bad citiwho has penetrated their fastnesses zenship, is formed as much in this and won even a little of the confi- outside world as in the school. Teachproved that he is a bigger man than dence of these overlooked and hardly ers who are more than mere instru-

by the outside world as of the Brit- If they are known to most of their of fixing his habits and attracting ish-Indian expedition in Mesopotamia fellow countrymen only by the worst his attention. Preaching the highest and the advance of the army from they produce, it is equally true that ideals of life leaves the boy un-Egypt into Palestine. Both have been their knowledge of the outside world touched "unless he himself builds severely criticised by the British is restricted, in great part, to its until them into his character." Scoutcraft themselves as fruitless of results. worthlest figures. True, there are endeavors to develop self-reliance. But it is now evident that both have devoted and gifted men and women self-direction and self-control by putbeen material in defeating Germanic laboring to bring light into the dark ting the boy in the way of doing designs and saving territory of the places; but they follow too often the something worth doing wholehearttrails that utter scoundrels have edly and of sticking to it until the That Germany and Turkey have blazed. There is no spot too remote job is finished. not profited from the supposed blun- for knaves to penetrate, and by their Dean Russkit, says that one thing

HOUN ALLEN of Clay County, Ken-

Please Stay Well in War Time. The Medical Reserve Corps of the army now numbers about 9,000 officers, or about as many doctors as there were in this city before the call to the colors. Within a year twice. perhaps three times, that number of

doctors will be in the service as gen-With the visible supply of physi-

clans being so rapidly reduced it behooves Americans to let up on the drine and the neurasthenic must curb their passion for sitting by the window with one eye on a magazine two years old and the other eye on the doctor's office door. Other vicptomaine poisoning habitue, and the confirmed ankle sprainer, must swear off for the duration of the war.

We must learn to regard illness as road building material to the trans- it was looked upon in Erewhon, as & crime. In that dear country Samuel. posais—Germany and Austria willing to BUTLER's bero found estimable ladies with red noses loudly confessing that a thrust at Egypt and the Suez across they were dipsomeniacs, trying thus to escape the odlum that fell upon

Perhaps Mr. Hooven and the other experts will so regulate our food and raiment that lliness will die out. Regulation of gasolene will compel us to walk for the liver's sake. The cost "The Mesopotamian cammign-an ut- of white flour will banish pie from ter fallure as it was at first and a the table. Coal tar products, needed overrunning Persia and advancing to- ache, and they shouldn't be permitted to have it.

But suppose 20.000 doctors came important a question to-day as it was back from the war, covered with at the beginning of hostilities. That giory and decorations, and found their occupations gone. Have the pension experts thought of that?

Topics for a Handsome Lecturer. Judge HYLAN is reported, by those shown what appeared only too evi- who have sat below the bench, to be a dent before, that under its present lecturer of great vigor. We humbly Turco-Germanic ownership it is a suggest subjects for a set of six lec-Mondays: "Who I am and who my colleagues on the ticket are, with views of the lawn at Saratoga."

Tuesdays: "Why we lawyers an Judges make poor Mayors, and what Wednesdays: "How Mr. MURPHY

Thursdays: "Why At Swith was

Coper as compared with McLaugh-

Will I or will I not re move Police Commissioner Woods if I am elected?"

We could promise Judge HYLAN I

### Force.

moonshine was in the secret came its possibilities for good so evident

and failings. Five years in Atlanta school programme in which the curricuprison seems mild punishment, but lum should appeal so directly to a boy's we have heard of true mountaineers, interest and the course of study apply caught in their violation of the reve- so serviceably to adult needs."

The live teacher to-day is recognize ing the fact that education is not a

situated folk knows of spiendid sactors are thus earnestly seeking to rifices, of modest self-effacements, of merge their work with the best influ The Bagdad Ballway and the War. brave acts that pierce the veil of mis- ences in the home, church or society. Of no other campaigns undertaken understanding and reveal the true They gladly accept supplementary means of arousing a youth's ambition.

ders of both of these expeditions is acts poison; long years of diligent ef- that makes the scout movement "the due to conditions on the Bagelad rail- fort by good men and women are most significant educational contribu-

way. The war instead of halting necessary to overcome the effects tion of our time" is its marvellous SHORT CATECHISM FOR THE potency for converting the restless, ir responsible, self-centred boy into the straightforward, dependable, helpful young citizen. One of its striking features is that it induces a sense of corporate responsibility, makes a virtue of obedience to law and established tucky, came all the way to New York a high code of honor; in other words to correct his son, who had forgotten it emphasizes duties instead of magni-

> If it does this, if it enforces the lesson, especially needed in these times of unparalleled storm and stress, that rights have correlative duties, that the rights of citizenship make it the duty of every citizen to give patriotic service whenever needed and at whatever cost, then is it a truly significant force in the upbuilding of national life and strength.

Rainbow troops will seek no pot o gold at the end of the arch of promise

Judge HTLAN may recall the fac that Judge GATNOR too was trascible but let him not forget that GATNOR had a pretty wit.

The Washington police by locking up the suffragette pickets have made another effort to avert riots in the streets of the capital, and President Wilson is likely to have another opportunity to exercise his powe pardon. Meanwhile the people of the United States are in the dark as to the authority which confers on certain individuals and organizations the right highways and invite public disorder.

Teuton Powers agree to Pope's pro

Well, we don't blame them

In the minds of those having merely common sense the wonder will ever grow why "drastic legislation" is needed to punish the I. W. W. for the machinery" used in making aeroplanes; why "proposed laws" ar necessary to authorize arrest of th I. W. W. who are known to be making "grave menaces to industries vital to the prosecution of the war." If Federal officers can neither prevent not punish in such cases until Congress has passed new laws, will President Wilson please tell Police Commissioner Woods where the active and threatening rascals are and he'll send a squad of New York cops after then backed by a handy and all round law known in these parts as "nightsticks."

MICHAEL YULOWITCH, Who visited number of saloons and displayed several hundred dollars when paying for drinks, was dragged into a hallway in Brook-lyn and robbed.—From the news of the

"Business as usual" seems to have won in certain circles.

course, yet it surprises to find the Koelnische Volkszeitung stung into fresh cries of rage by learning that English is the official language in this country. Even a pro-Prussian United States Senator is obliged to translate his resolutions into English before introducing them. "It makes slaves of Germans in the United States!" complains the Volksreitung angrily.

The "old Tombs police court," nov moving to the Health Department building, at Centre and White streets is merely a nominal relic of the past The Tombs is no more: that depress temory to thousands of New Yorkers When the court moved to the Criminal Courts Building the old name was has replaced it generally. "The Tombs" may survive for a time, but eventually it will be forgotten and the man who uses the term will find his auditors uncomprehending

A Baptist Church in Chicago has de cided to sell advertising space in its hymn book. The pastor must have supreme confidence in his oratorical powers or he would not risk the competition of the ingenious fabricators of selling schemes.

Married men rule .- Newspaper head-

### SANTA ANNA'S SWORD. Not That, But His Leg, He Left is

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It regard to the statement in THE SUN of August 17 that it fell to the lot of the late Peter S. Daly "to receive the sword of General Santa Anna when he surendered," I would say that that wily chieftain never surrendered, although he narrowly escaped capture at Cerro Gordo, where he left behind (together with his reputation) his wooden leg I have the account from an officer who saw the said leg in possession of an Illinois volunteer, who took it home

with him as a souvenir. city of Mexico.

Mr. Daly could not have been at Buena Vista and Palo Alto under Gen eral Scott," for the simple reason that it was "Old Rough and Ready" General Taylor who commanded in those memrable battles, while Scott ("Old Fuss and Feathers") was elsewhere, perhaps at the time partaking of a "hasty plate of soup." (Vide "Scott's Autobiog-

Former Secretary Astec Club of 1847. ASTORIA, August 18.

### To Keep Flags Clean.

hese days of many associations would It not be in order for one to devote its nergies to washing American flags? Some of them in and about the Wall Street district would stand a good scrub-

That Patriotic Impulse Plumber-What's the matter?

Not an Unusual Case. From Late Notes. Knock vs. Raliroad Co., 38 Nev. 143.

From the Atlanta Constitution. Bless the land that if feed us For the country that if need us; Guide the hand that if lead us Where the road runs right!

## ANTI-AMERICANS.

-What is your first duty? A .- To preserve whole the skin tha overs my organs.

.-To myself. Q.—What is your next duty? A .- To serve as best I may in safety the enemies of the land wherein I en-joy freedom, power and unlimited opportunities to improve my moral, in-

Q .- To whom do you owe that duty?

tellectual and physical condition.
Q.—How is this service to be ren-A .- By word and by deed.

Q.-How by word?

A .- Through carping criticism of the acts of men in authority, by dispraise of the allies of the nation, by questioning the good faith of all exsowing discord and distrust so far ar am able, by belittling the advantages I enjoy and exaggerating the domestic inequalities I can detect, by spreading falsehood through my lips and receiving slanders through my ears. Q.—How by deed?

A .- By committing such acts of viblence as I can accomplish without danger to myself, whether they be o spiritual significance, as spitting or rial moment, as destroying a nava-

Q.-In performing . these duties should you have regard to time or

A .- Yes. Q .- To what end? A .- I should so order my converse

A .- Yes.

tion and my acts that my health shall not be impaired by the fists of Yankee swine. Q .- Should you have regard for the sensibilities of others?

Q .- Why? A .- Because unless I have that re gard I might say or do something offensive to a person who break my head.

Q.-What is a lie? A .- Any statement that reveals the ruth about Prussianism. Q.-What is a truth? A .-- Any statement that defames

England or France or the United

States. Q.-What is Kultur? A.-Kultur consists of all the ex uses that can be invented for com-

mitting arson, murder and rape. Q.—What is courage? A .- Killing bables. Q .- What is cowardice? A .- Cowardice is that quality of the

mind which prevents a soldier or a sailor from forgetting that he is other than a beast. Q .- Who has courage?

A .- Prussians. Q .- Who have cowardice? -All who oppose Prussia.

Q .- What is diplomacy?

-What is militarism? A .- Militarism is the systematic derelopment of sea power to a point which renders it inconvenient Kaiser to loot the nations of the world when he wishes so to do.

Q .- What is pacifism? A .- Pacifism is a state of military preparedness capable of crushing any nation whose possessions arouse its cupidity.

A .- True diplomacy is the art of converting the good will of another nation into an instrument for that nation's destruction. Q.-Does true diplomacy involve the

ise of many agencies? A .- It does. Q .- What are they?

A .- Generally whatever serves the purpose of the Kaiser. Chief among them are bribery, murder and arson. Q.-What is deceit? A. Decelt is the highest virtue of

statesmanship. carried over, but "Centre street court" Q.-Who is the chief offender astation of Belgium and the wholesale against this practice? A.-England.

-Why? A.-Because her statesmen mean what they say and say what they States has a real army in France and

mean, taking mean advantage of the has had a chance to assist in crushing apostles of Kultur. Q.-Who are the chief exponents of

truth? A .- The Kaiser and his Chancellor. Q.-Why? A .- Because they never say what

and consequently they never deceive anybody.

Q.-Has this always been so A .- Yes, but it took the Yankee pigs | TABLETS OF PATRIOTISM. long time to find it out. Q.-What is the reward of anti-

Americanism? A .- To-day it is praise from Robert M. La Follette.

Q.-Will it always be so? A .- I do not know; a friend of mine heard some United States soldiers talking about lamp posts and hemp cravats yesterday, and I do not want to pose as a prophet.

#### GIVE THEM BOUNCEPORTS. Why Not Issue Dismissal Papers to Travel Hungry Socialists?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Why hould there be any objection to the ssue of passports to Socialists and others of like lik, provided they could be made one way passports without a return privilege? J. T. H. NORWALK, Conn., August 17.

### James Russell Lowell's Place.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: read with interest your editorial article on "One Hundred Years of American Poetry," and I beg you to tell me why you have stricken Lowell's name from the list of American poets. found for many years food for thought in his poems when I have hungered for that which others did not give. Man of letters as he was, you cannot say of him what you said of Emerson, that poetry was his "outlet of thought." I cannot help thinking that the man who wrote the "Vision of Sir Launfal," "Commemoration Ode," "The Present Crisis," "Extreme Unction," "The First Snowfall" and many other bits of good verse deserves a place well to the front rank of American poets. Do tell us why you

Georg Ebers, the Egyptologist and novelist, told me many years ago that Longfellow and Lowell were the great American poets, and I do not remember that he gave Longfellow precedence. Lowell was the most American of them all. There is warm blood in some only a few of them written. of his poems, and he gathered fruit from the orchards of the mind. H. C. C. The Candle Still Burns, BOSTON, August 18.

· We didn't; we don't.

From Law Notes. Hurry vs. Hurry, 138 La. 391, was an

and include Drake and Halleck

#### THE POPE'S PROPOSAL. Peace Terms as Viewed by the Friends

of Alsace-Lorraine. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The

ocument sent by the Pope to the belligerents is miscalled peace proposal. His Holiness, anxious to see the present slaughter stopped, has lent his influence to a great cause, but tha

There can be no peace, there will be no real peace, without restitution of all the territories stolen by Germany since 1870; without restoration of every stone that has been wantonly destroyed; without severe punishment for those Ger man officers who have ordered or permitted the commission of unspeakable and unprintable outrages.

This so-called peace proposal mus not divert us from our duty to watch more than ever the German propagandists here with their allies, the pacifists and Socialists.

To watch every street meeting, to

call an officer the very moment the speaker attempts sedition is our duty. These people don't appreciate liberty of speech. What they want is "Deutschland über Alles." JONAS LIPPMANN. New York, August 18.

#### What Would Rismarck Have Done

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Show ourself, O Prussia! Do not stand be hind the Holy Father, ashamed to ex-hibit your bloody features and your hypocrite face. The blackest sins are remitted to the sinner who shows repentance and has the true contrition Now, after having tried every diaboli device imaginable and failed to bring the Allies to terms, you have recourse to the only man who is above suspicion, to save you from the abyst where your inordinate pride and ego

The Pope in his impartial love for all of the world's children, his kind heart bleeding at the thought of the untold miseries that the fighting nations have gone through, thinks that Germany has been punished enough. Perhaps she has. But we must remembe that not even the Holy Father could have saved France from the clutches of the Prussian ogre in 1871. Defeated and humiliated. France was dismem bered and had to pay a large indem

Germany has been diligently and re I am afraid that the same tiger wherever it could be found, on the heart is still beating beneath Germany's fox skin. Can any one imagine that it takes that unit of transport capacity Bismarck would have listened to the out of the world's supply, and thus Pope if he had tried to tell him to be removes the potentiality of service magnanimous to France? 'I am only sorry that I did not force France to to Germany's enemies. The Scandipay ten billion instead of five," said to stand it. Particularly in Norway the Man of Iron a few years after, when resentment against Germany has this asked if he had not been too cruel tosummer become intense, and recently

There is not a particle of doubt that if Germany had been victorious in this war France would have lost all of her colonies and would have had to pay be-

sides a big indemnity.

Everybody wants peace, a lasting peace. If Prussia is only willing to drop her cloak of hypocrisy, admit her in desperation, plunging into the war. Neither in resources nor in human wrongs and change her old tactics, I firmly believe that an understanding

would be quickly reached. DESIRE LESCARBOURA. NEW YORK, August 18.

#### Wholly Favorable to Germany.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: Un Fleet to carry on its task of blockade with less difficulty and with a smaller concentration of power than is now Pope Benedict's peace terms were authorized by the Central Powers, it seems required. like child's play for the Allies even to consider them, notwithstanding the high as to how naval warfare might end source from which they emanate the struggle. One theory is that the

Even if authorized, such conditions could not be discussed seriously because German fleet might come out and risk wholly favorable to Germany. Having failed in her ignoble

supreme showing of strength and undertake to go in and "dig them out like of subjugating the world, to let her off rats," as Winston Churchill once unow on the status quo ante bellum plan fortunately suggested. and ruthless destruction in France Englishmen in a position to know any-

believe that ultimately the German fleet will come out. They believed it be entertained until the United before America came into the war and added the American fleet to the naval believe it. Their argument is that Peace now before this country has when the German cause is so discour-

perfected its military establishment, and has placed itself on a par in preparedness with the great nations of the world, would impetil the future of the they mean or mean what they say. United States and be in the nature of ASHLAND, N. H., August 18.

# Two Quotations From Men Who

Dared to Love Their Country. would surgest that a placard be printed and placed on exhibition in the United States Senate until the termination of the war for the edification of disloyal Senators, with the following words used by Stephen Decatur more than a cen-

with foreign nations may she al-ways be in the right; but our country, right or wrong.

I would also suggest that the newspapers of the country print daily in . conspicuous place the words of Robert

pass on the chart of true patriot-There are no points of the com-

New York, August 17. Cryptic but Not Elaborated Message From a Statesman.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: You

JOHN J. FLEMING.

say : "Tammany lacks nothing but character, courage, candidates and cash It is indisputable that the Mitchell [sic] Nassau county nominating committee at least has eash!

John G. Sane.

MANHATTAN CLUB, August 18.

### From the Christian Heraid, one-fourth of the earth's land

surface is comprised within the continent lation lives in the Dark Continent. The blacks double their number every forty years and the whites every eighty years. There are \$43 languages and dislects spoken among the blacks of Africa, but

From the Popular Science Monthly. Nowadays we think of light in terms of

electricity or gas lamps, but it will so expenditure for candles in this country expenditure for candles in this country alone this year will be about \$607,000. On this scale the valuation of the 1917 production of candles in the United States ought to know. Many things will estable to bone player of the Carenna to bone playe will total a round \$20,000,000.

### BRITISH OPINION ON THE WAY TO WIN THE WAR.

This Year Likely to Go Into History as Barren of Great Results-What Must Be Done to Insure Decisive Victory.

By Jodeon G. Welliver, London representative of Tan Sus.

cists that in the realm of substantial

decisive accomplishment 1917 seems

likely to go into history as pretty

barren. This means that men very

generally expect no Trafalgar on the

water, no Sedan on the land. They regard the campaign on the western

front as so nearly deadlocked that

whatever advantage either side gains

this year will be unimportant as af-

fecting the general result. That the

general superiority of the Allies in

accepted. But the Allies are not su-

perior to as great an extent now as

the Germans were in the first year of

the war. The Allies now bear the

burden of the offensive, as the Ger-

mans did then. The Allies with pres-

their favor this year, just as the Ger-

Both by land and sea there is ex-

new character by next year, possibly

before the end of this year. On the

difficult to calculate some of the ele

ments that will change the position

torselessly sinking neutral shipping

theory that every time a ship is sunk

according to British Foreign Office in-

formation, there has been significant

evidence that Germany is worried

about the attitude of Norway. It was

pointed out that recent German con

deration for Norwegian susceptible

ities is considered to mean that Ger-

many fears the possibility of Norway,

elements could Norway be important

but she could do one important ser-

them a naval base on the southern

There are two favorite speculations

a great engagement, the other is that

strength of the Allies; and they still

aged that the last desperate measure

cently one of his listeners observed:

when America entered the war."

vice to the Allies by turning over

likely to compel a military decision

mans could not in 1914 and 1915.

ent numbers and equipment are not

that area has been established is now

When the war is finished and it is sults. Second, it would come out he. when the war is finished and it is suited. Second, it would rather have possible to look back for a satisfacthat fleet at the bottom of the sea than tory and intelligent survey of its enin the Bight of Heligoland when peace tire course, the year 1917 is likely to be recognised as a period of prepara-the opinion that the Germans expect tion for a new phase. In one way it have its units distributed among its enemies if the fleet is in existence not a turning point in the military when the peace conference sits. For the fleet to come out and make even sense, but in regard to the methods of fighting, the instruments employed and the organization of national a losing fight would still mean the destruction of a considerable part of the forces to make the continuation of the naval strength of the Allies, so that the disparity between them in naval At the height of this year's midsumstrength thereafter would not be mer the observation is often heard among well informed English publi-

> all of them with augmented payar Between these two views it is un necessary to express an opinion; they are the two views between which discussion is constantly going on.

distributed among France, England.

Italy and the United States, leaving

If the German fleet should come out and be defeated, then the allied nava tackle the problem of Heligoland and the German North Sea coast. Mine fields would have to be cleared up fortifications reduced, the blockade tightened, economic pressure made severer than ever, and finally it is quite conceivable that a great naval expedition might be launched against the German sea bases in northern waters. This would provide the real solution of the submarine problem. It would deprive Germany of submarine bases, just as the conquest of the Fig. gian coast would destroy those bases pectation that the war will take on a further south. Seemingly the one was to subjugate the U-boats is to make impossible for them to enter and leave their bases at will. Unquestionably vast enterprises are in preparation looking to the accomplishment of this to build a great submarine net to be hung on floats across the entrance to the German base ports, preventing the passage in and out of the submarines Whether it is an engineering possible ity to execute so gigantic a work may doubted, but men have given pro-

found consideration to it who are no

by any means dreamers.

The workshops of England and America are working as they never have worked before to establish a conquering superiority. America's contri bution will be a very large one, and it will be also a varied one. On the lan it will consist in soldiers and in the great American fleet of aeroplanes The military critics are all agreed that if such overwhelming superiority the air can be established as to make observation impossible to the Germans then it may be possible to break through the German trench line, cu: the communications, roll up the German armies and perpetuate the super Norway coast. The possession of such a base would enable the British Grand Sedan that has been talked about from the beginning of the war. To the accomplishment of this complete comtrol of the air is regarded as the first essential. Along with that, however there must be such superiority in artilery as will make it possible to concentrate on the German lines for man miles the intensest bombardment, so that the enemy may not be able to judge by the intensity of the cannonthe allied fleets might muster their ade at what point the infantry is to be hurled forward in the effort to break through. Finally, there must be such a superiority in men, in machine cups It is quite impressive that nearly all supplies of bombs, in everything necessary to the success of such an thing about the Government's advices assault as will insure that the Ger

For all these possibilities of the f ture the preparations are now gon forward. Undoubtedly new devices for both land and sea fighting are being prepared, of which the secrets are yet carefully protected. Undoubtedly, also the Germans are making desperate must be adopted, it will be a naval efforts to devise their own surpriseeffort. The High Seas Fleet will come and establish their own superiority i out and risk everything in a great en- particular directions. On both sides the war is looked upon very different this year. Certainly nobody in author When this view was vigorously expounded by a high British official re- ity in England will admit the beliethat peace is possible until milita-"It seems to me that the last thing and naval domination is much mor the Germans would do at such a stage nearly established than it is now. That of affairs would be to send the fleet it will be established by the Allies and out. It would go to almost certain not by the Germans is just as positive destruction. With it destroyed the ly insisted upon. That it can be establockade of Germany would not be lished without another year of war few much more effective than it is now, now believe. The campaign season of But without the fleet Germany would 1917 is half over. The Allies find them be shorn of one of its greatest assets selves at the middle of this seaso in the peace conference. In my opin- with a larger reserve of general wa ion the German fleet will never go accourrement than they possessed a out. I believe that much was settled the beginning. The Germans, on the other hand, have been compelled To which the official replied that in the western front to throw away his belief, on the other hand, the fleet stupendous quantity of ammuniwould come out, first because with all which they cannot so easily replace a the advantage of choosing its own their enemies can. The war in 12 time and determining the strategy of has been distinctly a war of attrib the enterprise it would at least have a and in that sort of war the Alles chance, possibly greatly overrated by have all the advantage, both in men the Germans, to accomplish real re- and in economic resources

#### FROM STANTON TO DANA. beyond my power, but if you see them We Have Had No War; We Have Not Even Been Playing War."

THE SEN has received from P. F. Madigan of this city copies of two original letters, now in Mr. Madigan's possession, that were written by Lincoln's Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton, to Charles A. Dana, who was and treason out of Kentucky and Ten afterward appointed Assistant Secretary of War:

WASHINGTON, January 24, 1861. DEAR SIR: The most welcome congratulation that I have received was from you. You are right in supposing my acceptance of the War Office means "thoroughness, earnestness and no compromise." Believe me, I shall not do time by members of Congress and other the Lord's work deceitfully and I am-Secretary only because I had despaired little space for thought and deliberation of seeing it done at all. But I rhall and 2nd, the range of choice is so of Africa, and it is as far around the of seeing it done at all. But I shall coast of Africa as it is around the world, need the support of every true man— Every eighth person of the world's popu- the supports and miners about Washing-The ton are more dangerous than the Manassas rebels. I rejoiced exceedingly at the Dose gathering around me, and in a bet Tribune's treatment of my nomination. it gave my heart confidence and put on a new aspect, strength. Are we never to meet until I send a Provost Marshal after you? I your mind is bent on the same the beg you to give my compliments to Mr. Greeley and believe me to be, Truly yours,

EDWIN M. STANTON. C. A. DANA, Esq.

cape my observation, many may be far | husbing carn for J. O. Shafer.

tell me of them and I will thank you WASHINGTON, February 2, 1862. DEAR SIR: Your notice of our mill

tary operation agrees with my own in stead of an army sticking in the mud or the Potomac, we should have a column of one hundred thousand men resting upon Nashville and sweeping rebellion nessee with fire and sword. But we have had no war; we have not ever been playing war. With material for military operations that was neve equalled on the globe we seem to have no military genius to command armies. The War Department is poisoned with treason, or helpless fro imbecility. I shall commence an awai ening process to-morow, and have on delayed because, 1st, the rush upon m for appointment, etc., have left me but limited that I have not known who a turn for help.

But I can feel a spirit of earned space trust that military affairs " In the meantime let me know :

ends as my own and give me its to all Yours truly. EDWIN M. STANDA

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the Hands of the Victor.

There was no "Seventh New York Cavalry" in the Mexican war, as stated in the article; New York raised two only one of which, Burnett's First No York Volunteers, knw service under General Scott, from the slege of Vera rus to the storming of the castle of

raphy.") WILLIAM M. SWEENY,

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In

J. B. CHAPPEAUD. NEW YORK, August 18.